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Public Comment on Final EIS:

I am writing to submit Public Comment on the Final EIS for the Honolulu Rail Mass Transit Project.

I work in Downtown Honolulu and commute via car / Single Occupant vehicle daily on H1. It costs \$15 round trip in gas per day plus 2 hours commute time round trip average. A bad day can take 3 hours plus! Traffic is ruining our quality of life in West Oahu and Kapolei as well as restricting business and economic growth.

I cannot ride the bus, it takes longer than my car and the schedule does not meet my requirements. But I WILL ride the rail system, and many current car Commuters will do the same.

We need to have a rail option to the commute from West Oahu to Honolulu, and WE NEED IT NOW! The reverse commute from Honolulu to West Oahu is just as bad. Every year the commute times get worse and longer. The H1 commute is NOT sustainable even if multiple lanes are added, or an Express Viaduct. The cars still have to go onto city streets at the end of the Viaduct. Buses just add to the problem and have to sit in the same traffic!!!

The rail system will get Cars and Buses off H1. Rail will save the wear and tear on the roads that buses cause. The right lane on King Street downtown is completely falling apart, even after it was redone only five years ago in solid concrete. The concrete slabs are separating and sinking.

I cannot understand why anyone is against rail? If some communities will not benefit now, what about how West Oahu and Kapolei are the fastest growing tax base on Oahu. We contribute to the Sewer Fund that replaced sewers in Hawaii Kai and Kailua which did not benefit us. So why do these communities oppose rail??? Can you imagine if H1 was first being proposed today? It might never be built! West Oahu and Kapolei are tired of being treated like the Black Sheep, unwanted step-child. If Kapolei is really going to be the "Second City", then WE NEED RAIL!!!

The only suggestions I have are:

1. To address the concerns about aesthetics / blockage of view planes and steel wheel noise, why don't we implement a Monorail system like Las Vegas and Disney? The single rail and rubber wheels would solve those 2 concerns and would attract ridership like a ride at Disneyland. Plus, with Disney building their Resort at Ko'Olina, maybe they would cost share to bring the Monorail all the way to Ko'Olina! And what a promotional opportunity that would be for their new Disney Resort!!!

2. The Stations MUST have Park & Ride lots with large enough parking capacity for people like me to drive to the lot and ride the train. The bus does not come into my neighborhood. I would have to walk a mile, catch the small HandiVan type bus to Kapolei, and then transfer to another bus to the Kapolei station if there is no Park & Ride there. Without large Park & Ride lots, rail will not attract daily H1 commuters like me. Convenience is key to success.

Rail projects in almost every other city have been fought with the same fierce opposition as hear. I lived in the East Bay of San Francisco when BART was passed in the early 1970's. ALL the same arguments were made. But look now - BART goes everywhere in the Bay Area and PEOPLE DO RIDE IT!!!

OAHU NEEDS RAIL (MONORAIL PLEASE) AND WE NEED IT NOW! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!!

Thank you,

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